

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
OCTOBER 10, 2018
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Christine Goupil, Selectmen Jack Scherban, Carol Walter, Tim Guerra and Phillip Sengle

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

VISITORS

Jenny & Ed White, 4 Woods Lane, discussed the events of last week's Flash Flood.

Kirk Carr spoke on the sequence of events regarding the Finance Director position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Walter amended the October 3, 2018 minutes under Selectmen's Reports to include officer Jillian Massey as one of the new officers that were sworn in last week. Sengle amended the minutes to include that during the CT Police Chiefs Association Luncheon 4 officers received the CT Valor Award for their heroic work during the explosion at Evergreen Woods. Walter made a motion, seconded by Sengle to approve the October 3, 2018 minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to accept the resignation of Peter Giannotti from the Board of Education. The motion was unanimously approved. The board thanked Giannotti for all his hard work.

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter to accept the resignation of Aidan Moran from the Shellfish Commission. The motion was unanimously approved. The board thanked Moran for all his hard work.

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Guerra to table the appointment of Catherine Staunton to the Board of Education. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 in favor (Scherban, Sengle and Guerra) and 1 opposed (Walter).

The Sustainability Committee recommended appointing Pat Barone as the Town's Poet Laureate. Pat Barone read 3 of her poems to the board. The following statement was read into the record.

Town of Clinton
POET LAUREATE

The honorary position of the Town of Clinton Poet Laureate was established on October 10th, by the Board of Selectman for a three-year term. As the Town's representative poet, the Poet Laureate serves as an ambassador for poetry by promoting and encouraging the appreciation of creative expression through poetry and literary arts activities.

The Poet Laureate writes and shares his or her work in public appearances, digital media, workshops, and inspires the community to find and share their own creative voice.

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EXPECTATIONS:

Provide at least two (2) public appearances in Clinton each year of the three (3) year term. Readings may include but not limited to, open mic performances, poetry slams, poetry reading events, radio or television appearances and participation at community organizations' events.

- Design and implement a strategy to engage the community in a way that will nurture creative expression, increase literacy, build self-confidence in communication and exposes the power and beauty of language through poetry.
- Possesses skills in public speaking, presentation and interaction with audiences.
- Write and distribute poems through print and/or electronic media.
- Collaborate on an event or program with young adults.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to appoint Pat Barone as the Town's Poet Laureate for a 3-year term. The motion was unanimously approved.

BIDDING WAIVER FOR THE EMERGENCY PAVING REPAIRS

As a result of the flash flooding that took place on September 25th and 26th several roads were washed out. The roads have been repaired but they will need to be paved before winter. Public Works is asking for the board to waive the bidding requirements. The department contacted 3 companies and received quotes from 2 of the 3 companies. If the department went out to bid, then that would delay the paving until after winter. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter to waive the bid requirements for the Emergency Paving Repairs. The motion was unanimously approved. The department will award the job to the company who can start immediately.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BRUSH TRUCK SKID UNIT BID AWARD TO SHIPMAN'S FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY

The town went out to bid for a Brush Truck Skid Unit. The Fire Department only received one bid from Shipman's Fire Equipment Company. The total bid amount with selected options is \$14,995. The funding for this has already been approved in the 2018/19 capital budget. The total budget amount for this project is \$15,000. The Fire Department recommends that the bid be awarded to Shipman's Fire Equipment Company. Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to allow the Fire Department to move forward with the Brush Truck Skid Unit and award the bid to Shipman's Fire Equipment with an amount not to exceed \$15,000 with funds previously approved in the 2018/19 capital budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Sengle

- Sengle reported on Tuesday night's Water Pollution Control Commission meeting.

Reported by Walter

- Walter thanked Pat Barone for sharing her poems with the board.

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- Walter addressed K. Carr's comments from the visitor's section

Reported by Guerra

- Guerra attended last week's Park & Rec baseball meeting

Reported by Scherban

- Due to the Columbus Day Holiday this month's Police Commission meeting was rescheduled to next Monday evening.
- The VFW Auxiliary is hosting an open house on October 25th between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

Reported by Goupil

- A copy of the Middlesex United Way Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) report is attached to the minutes.
- Goupil asked the Estuary Council to see if they can arrange bus service for people in need that would take them from their house to the grocery store. The bus would have a minimum of 10 seats and residents would have to call and schedule an appointment.
- The 9 Town Transit had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony last Friday morning to kick off the new public transit from Madison to Middletown.
- A public information meeting will be scheduled with CT Water Company to discuss the September 25th and 26th Flash Flood Event
- Goupil urged board members to attend the Board of Education special meeting on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm. The board will review recommendations regarding a decision to close Pierson School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL & PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Walter to go into executive session at 7:39 PM and invite Mary Schettino, Chief DeMaio and Peter Niles. The motion was unanimously approved. Chief DeMaio and Peter Niles left the executive session at 9:25 PM. The board came out of executive session at 9:35 PM. No action was taken by the board.

ADJOURN

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino

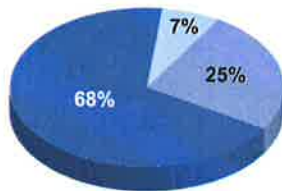
MIDDLESEX UNITED WAY

Number of Households – 66,467

How many households are struggling?

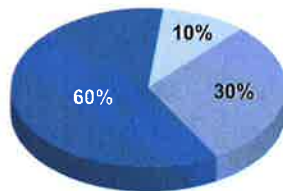
ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome Constrained, **E**mloyed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the area (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.

Middlesex United Way service area



- Poverty:** 4,693 HH, 7%
- ALICE:** 16,834 HH, 25%
- Above ALICE:** 44,940 HH, 68%

Connecticut



- Poverty:** 134,494 HH, 10%
- ALICE:** 406,673 HH, 30%
- Above ALICE:** 816,102 HH, 60%

Note: Municipal-level data often relies on 5-year averages, is not available for the smallest towns that don't report income, and may overlap with Census Designated Places (CDP).

Town	Total HH	% ALICE & Poverty
Chester	1,853	31%
Clinton	5,294	34%
Cromwell	5,631	26%
Deep River	1,902	37%
Durham	2,650	16%
East Haddam	3,541	28%
East Hampton	4,951	25%
Essex	2,961	25%
Haddam	3,223	18%
Killingworth	2,479	17%
Middlefield	1,775	25%
Middletown	19,219	44%
Old Saybrook	4,201	36%
Portland	3,948	29%
Westbrook	2,839	33%

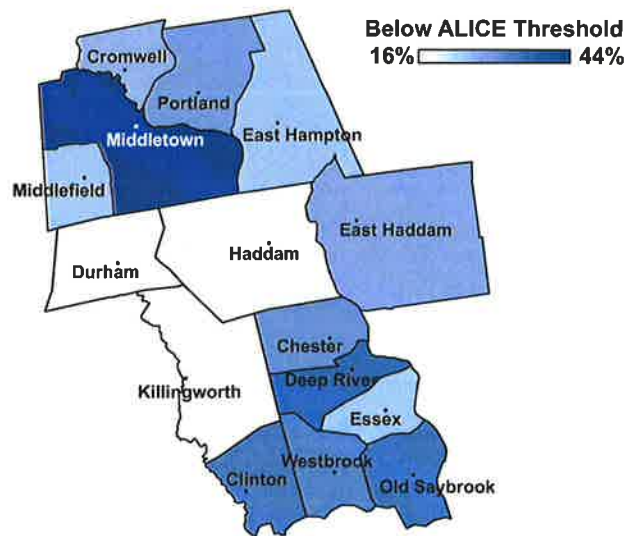
Household Survival Budget

	SINGLE ADULT	2 ADULTS, 1 INFANT, 1 PRESCHOOLER
Monthly Costs		
Housing	\$758	\$1,210
Child Care	\$-	\$1,719
Food	\$182	\$603
Transportation	\$341	\$682
Health Care	\$213	\$792
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$185	\$600
Taxes	\$303	\$920
Monthly Total	\$2,037	\$6,601
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$24,444	\$79,212
Hourly Wage	\$12.22	\$39.61

Why do so many households struggle?

The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. In 2016, costs were well above the Federal Poverty Level of \$11,880 for a single adult and \$24,300 for a family of four.

Sources: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Internal Revenue Service, Tax Foundation, and Connecticut 211Childcare, 2016; American Community Survey.



Where does ALICE live?

ALICE and poverty-level households live in every town in Connecticut. Towns with the highest percentage of households below the ALICE Threshold are shaded in the darkest blue; towns with the lowest percentage of households below the ALICE Threshold are shaded in lightest blue.